

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 11-15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

- figure 2A and 2B represent ~~represents~~ the immunoblot analysis of the exosporium proteins (A) revelation with a polyclonal antibody and a monoclonal antibody (35B8) (B) analysis according to the procedure described in example 5,

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, line 38 to page 7, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--According to another advantageous embodiment of the immunogenic and vaccine compositions according to the invention, the spores are derived from a strain of B. anthracis chosen from the group consisting of the following strains: Sterne 7702 (M. Sterne J. Vet. Sci. Anima. Indust., (1939), 13, 315-317), RPLC2 (Collection Nationale de Cultures et de Microorganismes held by the Institute Pasteur (28 rue du Dr Roux, 75724 Paris Cedex 15, France) under the number I-2270, dated July 28, 1999) and RP42 (Collection Nationale de Cultures et de Microorganismes held by the Institut Pasteur under the number I-2271, dated July 28, 1999).--